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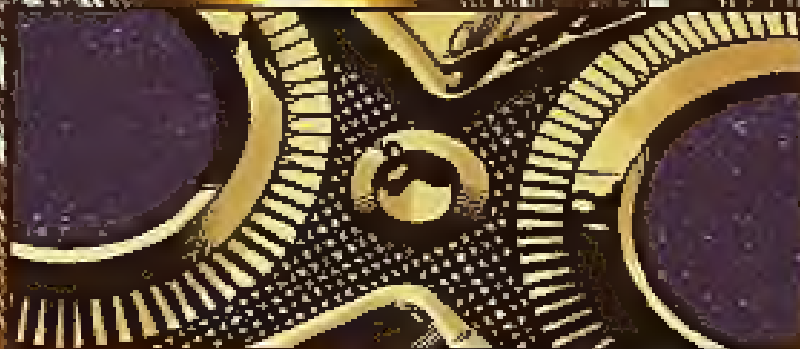
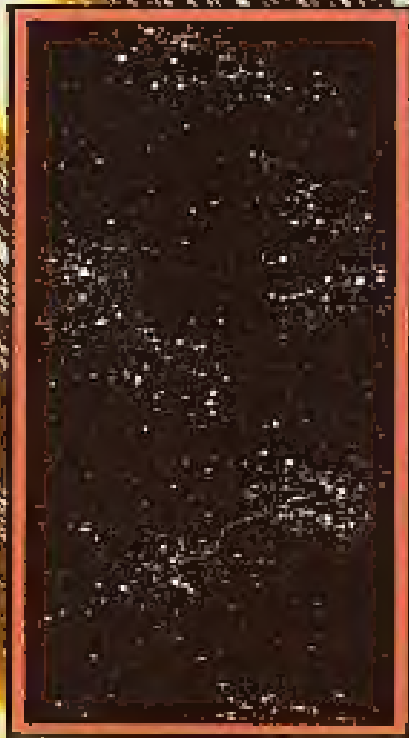
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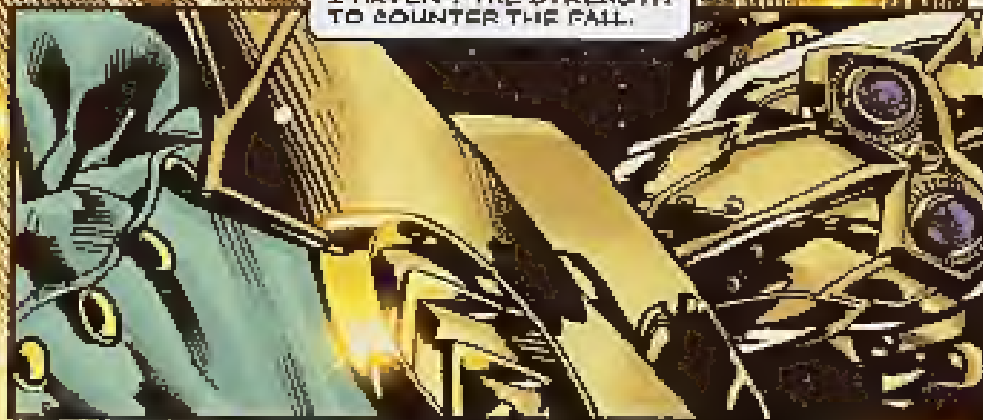
CAPTAIN GRAVITY: THE POWER OF THE VOID

In the last issue:

The Captain must attempt an impossible trip that could cost him his sanity and his life. Not only does he fly without oxygen in extreme cold, but he also sees visions of his hoped-for future with Chase and the terrifying circumstances of his father's murder. In the meantime, a hidden "spy" network convinces C.F. Avery to practice a mysterious ritual in order to ensure the wellbeing of his two best friends. But will his efforts prove successful in the face of an incalculable evil determined to destroy Captain Gravity once and for all?



I HAVEN'T THE STRENGTH
TO COUNTER THE FALL.



HEAT TEARS AT MY
GRAVITY SHIELD.



INSIDE THE SHIELD
I MEDITATE.



INSIDE I AM
AT PEACE.

THE VISIONS I EXPERIENCED ON THE CLIMB ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT THE FALL HAS IN STORE FOR ME.

MIND FALLS PAST BRAIN,
MIND FALLS PAST MATTER,
MIND FALLS INTO MIND FALLS
INTO MIND FALLS INTO MIND....

CAPTAIN GRAVITY™

And the **POWER** *of the* **VRIL**

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AND UNDERNEATH IT ALL IS THE VRIL—
BOTH THE TOOL AND TEMPLATE OF
THE UNIVERSE. IT'S BEEN WAITING
TO SPEAK OF THINGS TO ME....

IT'S IN THESE DEPTHS OF MYSELF THAT I LEARN HOW PROFESSOR GOETHALS (DISCOVERER OF MY POWER OVER GRAVITY) GOT SO MUCH RIGHT, BUT A FEW THINGS WRONG.

HE THEORIZED THAT IT WAS ALIENS WHO HAD VISITED THE MAYANS.

WHEN IN FACT IT WAS HUMANS. THE LAST DIRECT DESCENDENTS OF THE ATLANTIAN DIASPORA, DESPERATE TO ESCAPE THE ABUNDANT CIVILIZATIONS THAT HAD SPRUNG UP IN THEIR WAKE.

AND WHAT THE PROFESSOR CALLED *ELEMENT 115*, THE THING FROM WHICH ALL MY POWER DERIVES...

...WAS ACTUALLY VRIL ENERGY LOCKED INSIDE A CONTAINMENT STONE AND DEDICATED SOLELY TO THE CONTROL OF GRAVITY.

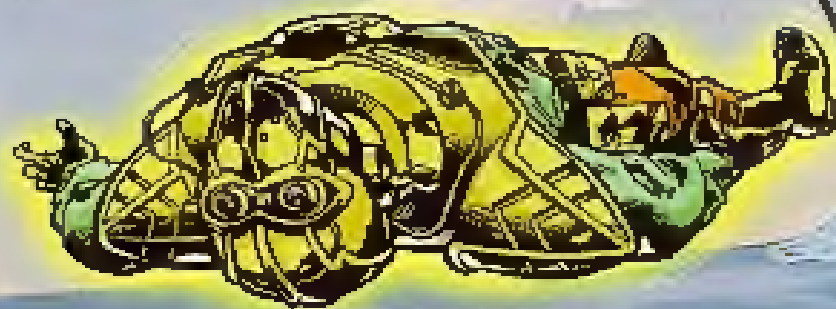
THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE, A HUNDRED STONES JUST LIKE IT WERE CREATED TO KEEP THE ATLANTIAN FLYING SHIPS ALOFT DURING THE EXODUS.

A YEAR AGO I WAS INFECTED BY A THIN SLICE OF THIS VRIL. IT'S BEEN GROWING INSIDE ME EVER SINCE... I AM STEEPED IN IT. IT IS STEEPED IN ME.

THIS IS THE LAST TRANSMISSION I RECEIVE FROM MYSELF...



...BEFORE
THE IMPACT.



THERE!



I DON'T MIND
TELLING YA', IT WAS
CERTAINLY THE OLD
NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK
THERE FOR
A WHILE.

BUT LAST NIGHT
OUR BIRDS PICKED UP
A GLOW WEST OF
OUR COURSE AND, LO
AND BEHOLD... THERE
YOU WERE. HOW
YOU FEEL?

HUNGRY.

NOW I CAN SENSE A LARGE SOURCE
OF VRIL POWER TO THE SOUTHEAST.
IT TUGS AT ME. I CAN ONLY ASSUME
IT'S THE HEART OF ATLANTIS CALLING.



MY RELATIONSHIP WITH
MY POWERS HAS CHANGED.

THERE'S SOME FORM OF
COMMUNICATION HAPPENING...
INSIDE, APART FROM MY UNDER-
STANDING OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

IT'S AS IF
I'M BEING
GUIDED NOW,
BUT THEN,
MAYBE I
ALWAYS WAS.



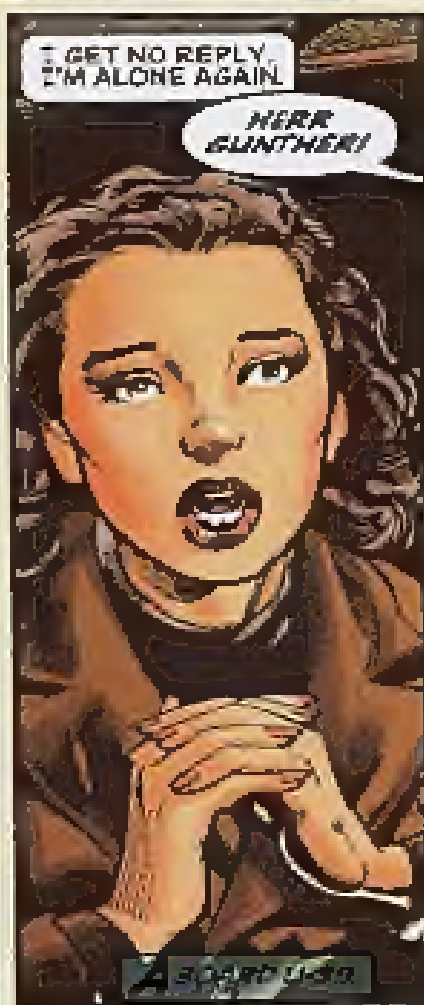
I'M EXHAUSTED. I NEED TO SLEEP.
I DON'T THINK I COULD PULL
THE TOWEL TO ME FROM ACROSS
THE ROOM RIGHT NOW.

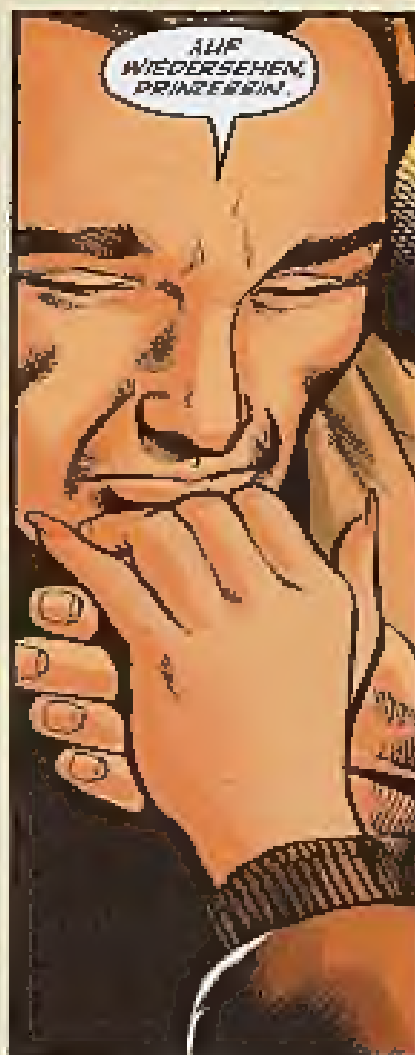
CHASE...?
CHASE, CAN YOU
HEAR ME... I ARE YOU
STILL THERE...
IN MY HEAD?



I GET NO REPLY.
I'M ALONE AGAIN.

HERR
GUNTHER!





RUNNING THE SURFACE OF THE JAVA SEA.

SCHLIEMAN,
PLATO, RUDBECK,
ALL OF THEM...
WRONG!

I FOUND IT!
JAN GUNTHER!
I REDISCOVERED
THE CRADLE OF
CIVILIZATION!



WHEN THIS IS ALL DONE,
I WANT YOU TO WRITE
THAT DOWN SOMEWHERE.
JAEGER A BAR NAPKIN
WILL DO NICELY.



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL
EGO YOU LEFT
AROUND, MISTER
GUNTHER.

DWARFED
NEXT TO YOURS
"REICH SORCERER".
HONOR OUR
DEAL.

YOU'VE DONE
WELL. I WON'T
KILL YOU UNTIL
YOU'VE SEEN YOUR
SUNKEN CITY.

DANKE
SCHOEN...

...MEISTER.



I JOINED
THIS HERE
NAVY FOR THE
OPPORTUNITIES,
YOU KNOW?

GET OUT INTO
THE WORLD. LEARN
A TRADE. MAYBE SEE
EUROPE OR SUMMIT IN,
BUT HERE I AM
NOTHING BUT A DAMN
JANITOR



I'VE RESTED FOR THE FULL
DAY WE'VE BEEN AT SEA. NOW
THEY'RE CARRYING ME BY PLANE
TO MY AD-DATE TO SAVE TIME
AND CONSERVE MY ENERGY

ONLY REASON I GOT THIS DETAIL WAS
CAUSE T'S SHORT NOTICE AND ALL A
THE W. TC BOYS ARE DOWN IN
HONOLULU ON LEAVE

SHIT THAT FLAP
BOY OUR HONORED GUEST
DOESN'T WANNA HEAR -
HOLY CHRIST!



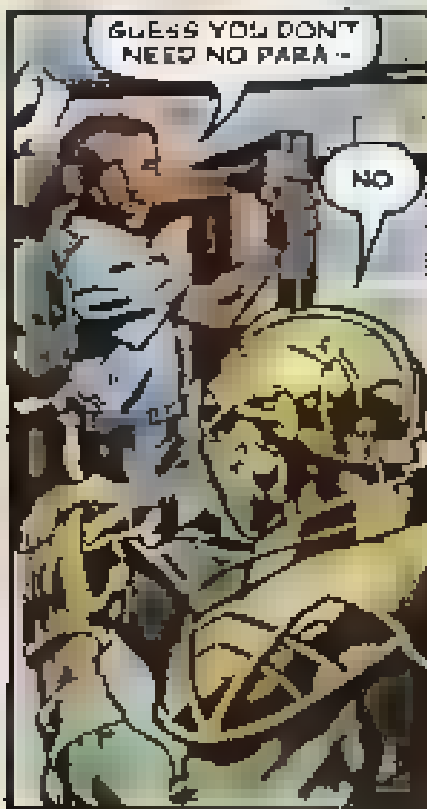
I GOT SOMETHING
GOING ON DOWN HERE
CAP'N. LOOKS LIKE A
GERMAN U-BOAT TH'S
YOUR PROPT



I FEEL AN OVERWHELMING
PUL OF VRIL JUST BELOW ME

GUESS YOU DON'T
NEED NO PARA -

NO



HOW'RE YOU
AT KEEPING
SECRETS?



I'M THE JUST ABOUT
THE BEST AROUND



GOOD

KEEP
SAFE
CAP'N



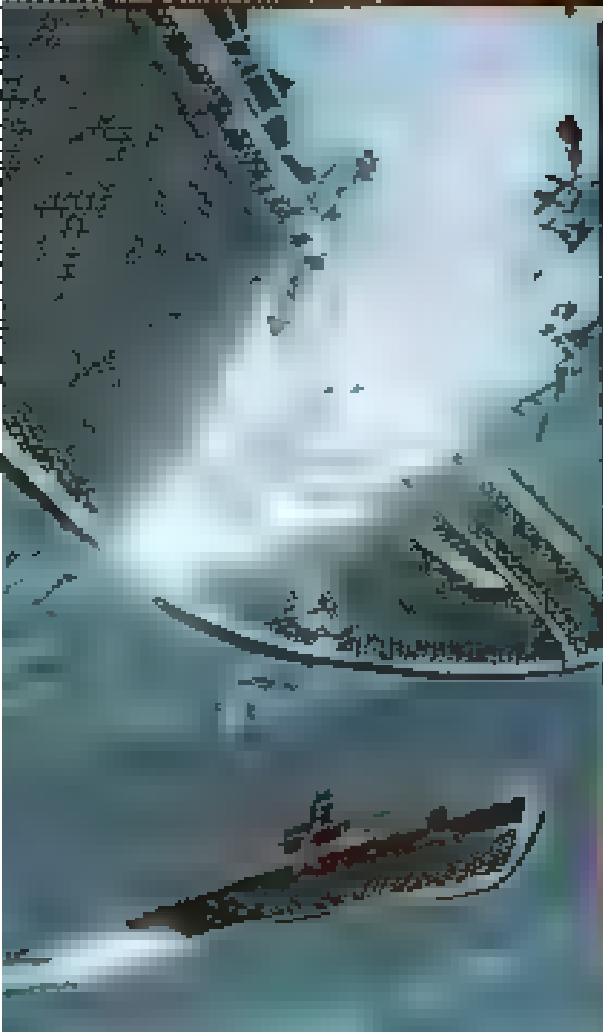
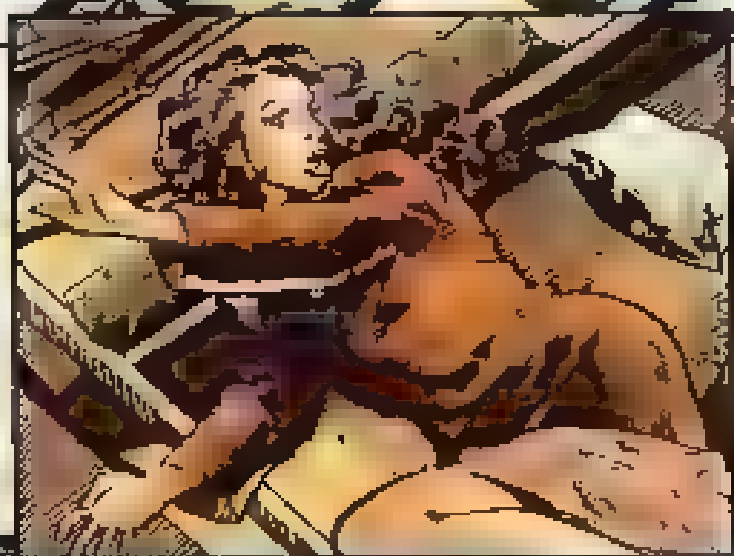




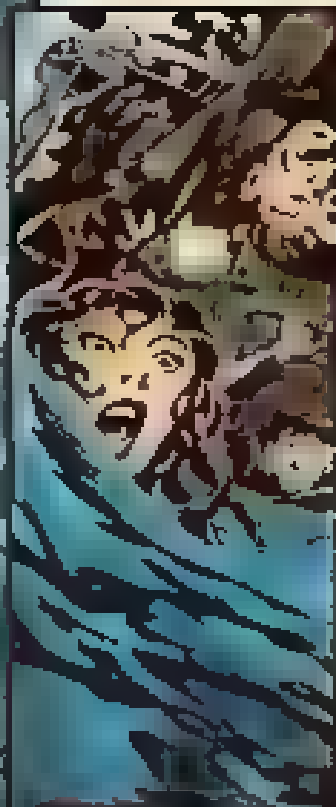
MY
GOD.

THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS
OF YEARS AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT
ONLY JUST SANK YESTERDAY
I GUESS THE VRIL ALWAYS
PROTECTS ITS VESSELS.
BUT I WAS LATE TO THE PARTY
LOOKED LIKE THE GERMANS AND
THE RUSSIANS WERE A STEP AHEAD.

AND READY
TO DANCE

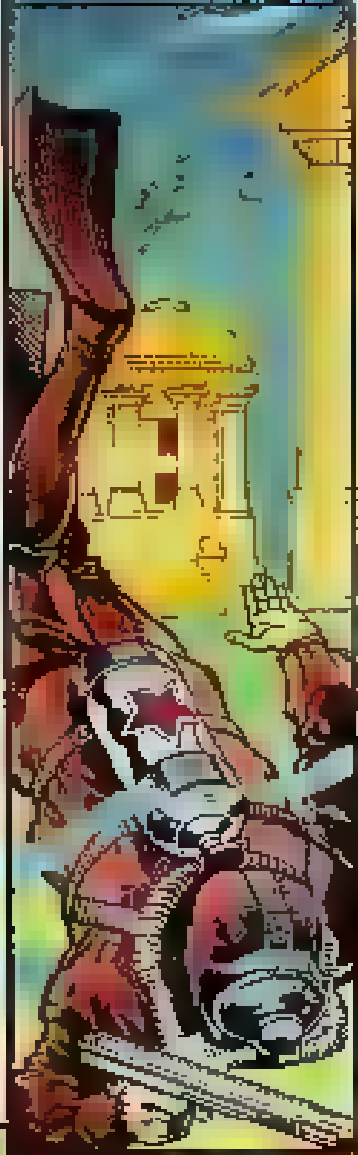
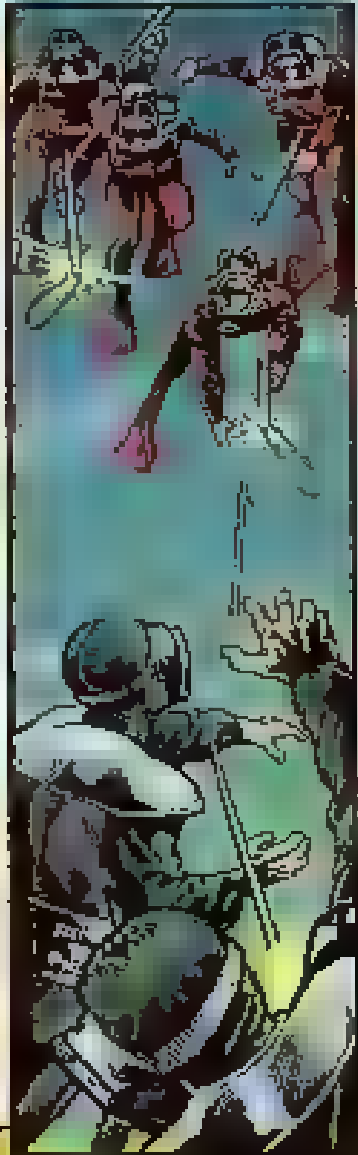
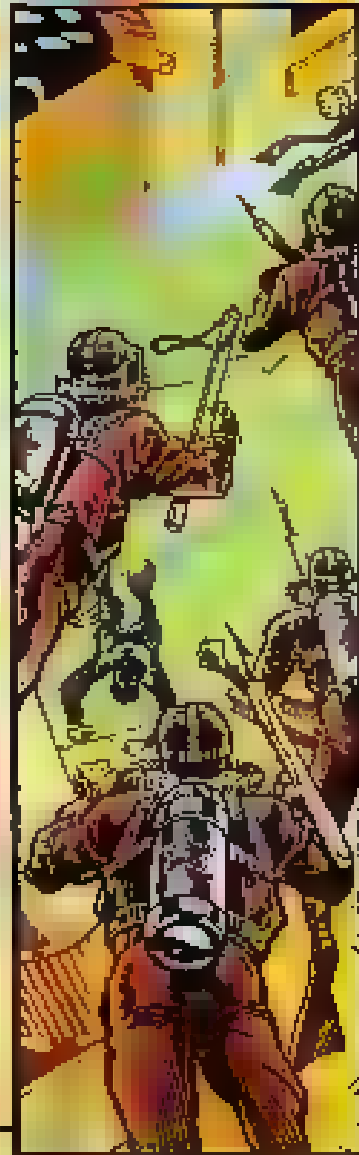


IF CHASE IS ANYWHERE
HE'S ON THAT SUBMARINE



JOSHUA?

I
HAVE YOU,
CHASE



THE URIL,
IT'S PRESSING THE
WATER BACK.

IT'S
EXTRAORDINARY
CAN YOU FEEL THE
RAW POWER?

ARE
YOU HAPPY
JAN? ARE YOU
FULFILLED?

IT'S-IT'S
ALL SO... TRULY
BEAUTIFUL.

YES. I'M
FULFILLED.

THEN OUR
AGREEMENT
IS MET.

GERMANS
AND
RUSSIANS?

LOOKS
LIKE IT

BUT
WHY?



THERE'S
A LOT MORE
GOING ON
THAN...

OH,
IT'S
JAN...



YES.
YES!

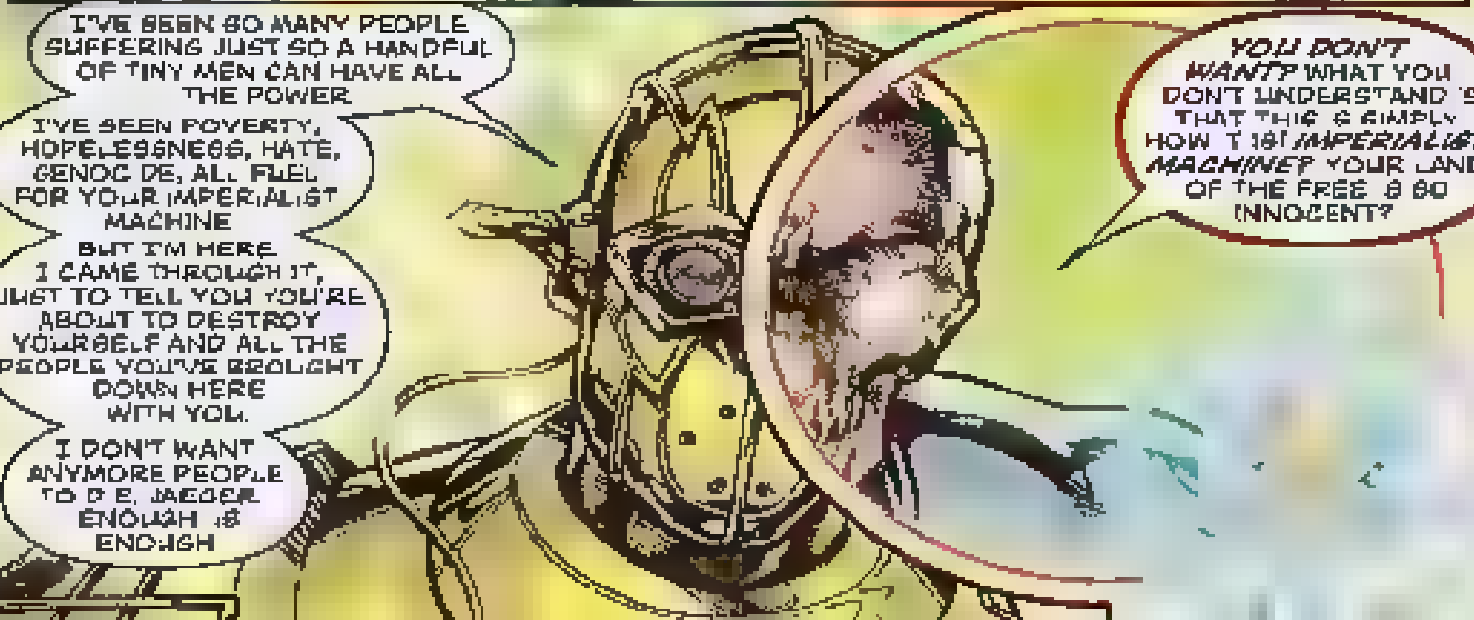


AWW
FINALLY THE
CAPTAIN HAS
ARRIVED



IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU
ONE LAST TIME. MY ONLY
WORTHY ADVERSARY
THE VERY PINNACLE
OF THE INFERIOR
RACE

I'M SO DAMN SICK OF THIS.
I'VE FOLLOWED A TRAIL
OF MISERY TO GET
TO YOU



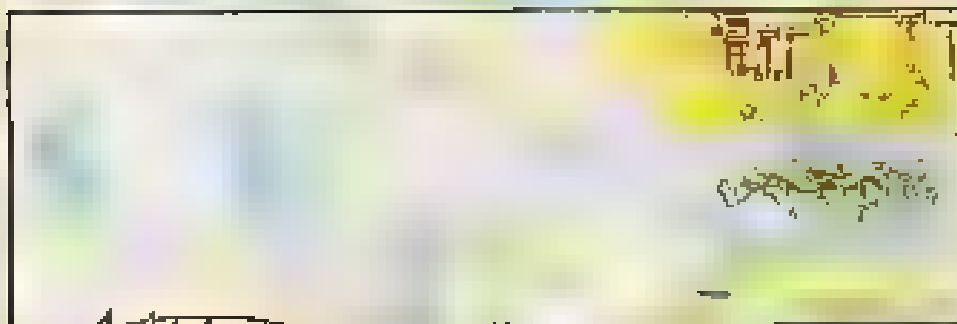
I'VE BEEN SO MANY PEOPLE
SUFFERING JUST SO A HANDFUL
OF TINY MEN CAN HAVE ALL
THE POWER

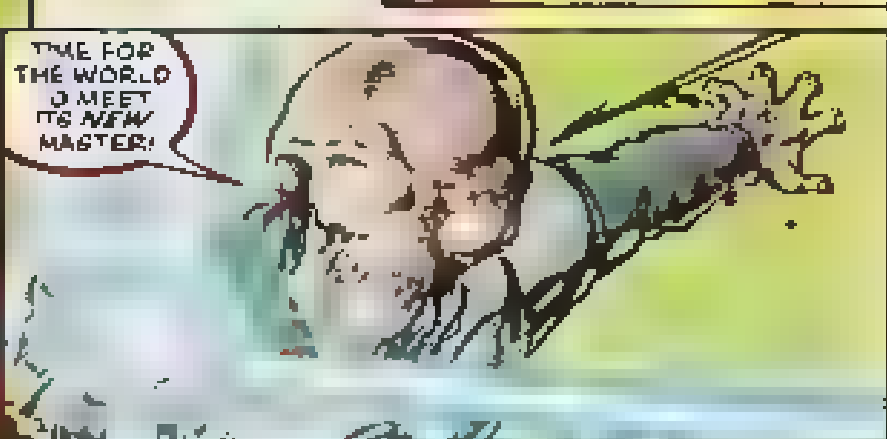
I'VE SEEN POVERTY,
HOPELESSNESS, HATE,
GENOCIDE, ALL FUEL
FOR YOUR IMPERIALIST
MACHINE

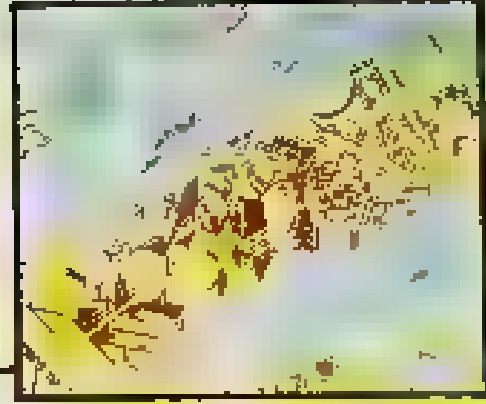
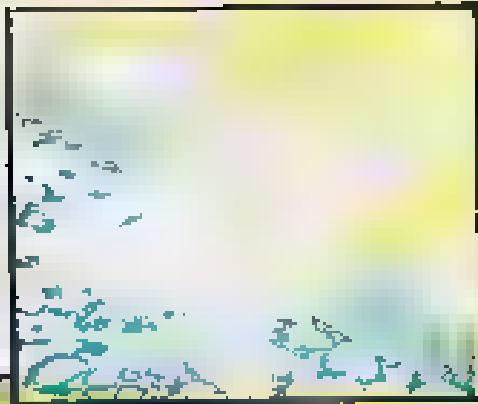
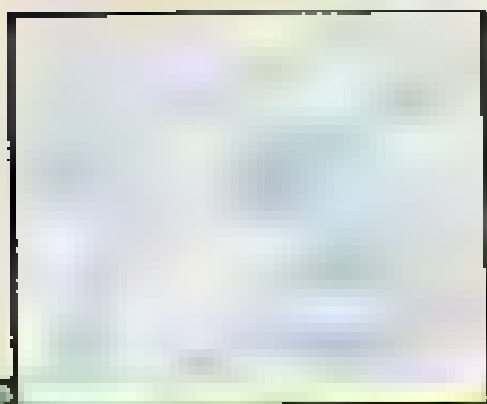
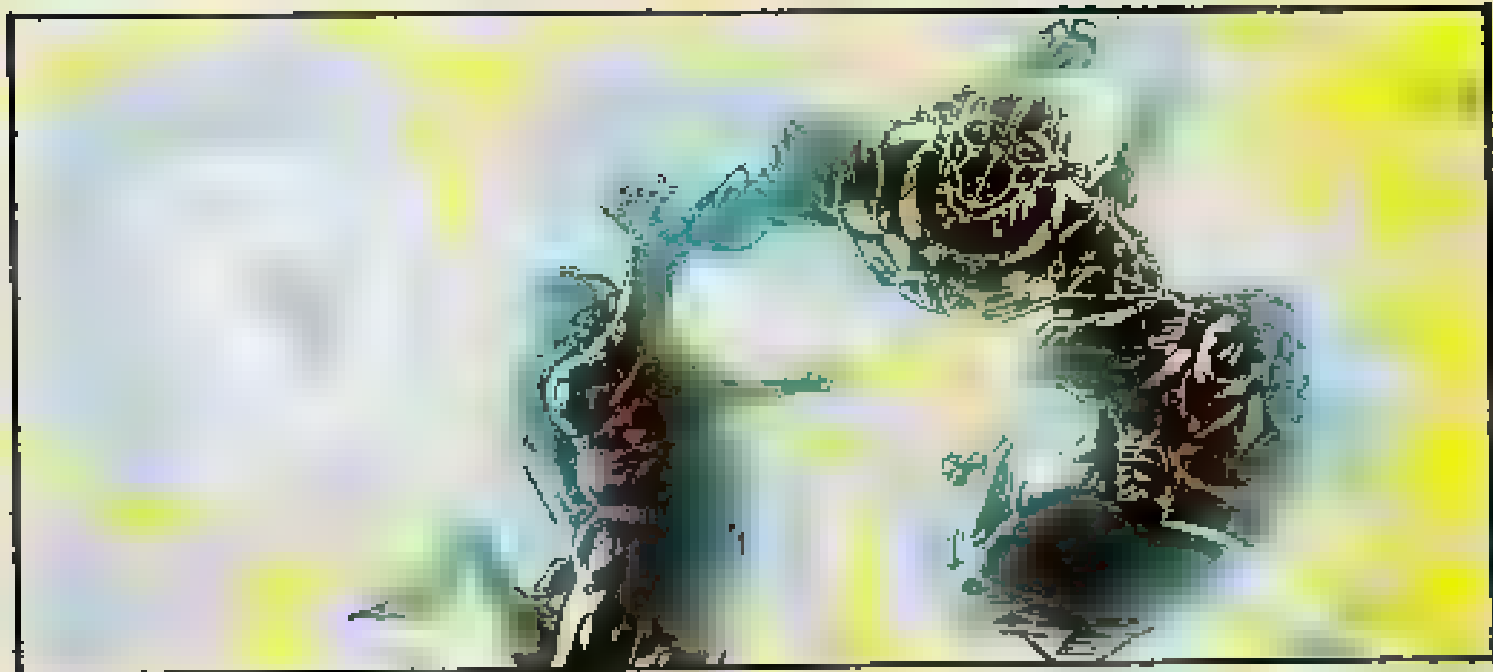
BUT I'M HERE.
I CAME THROUGH IT,
JUST TO TELL YOU YOU'RE
ABOUT TO DESTROY
YOURSELF AND ALL THE
PEOPLE YOU'VE BROUGHT
DOWN HERE WITH YOU.

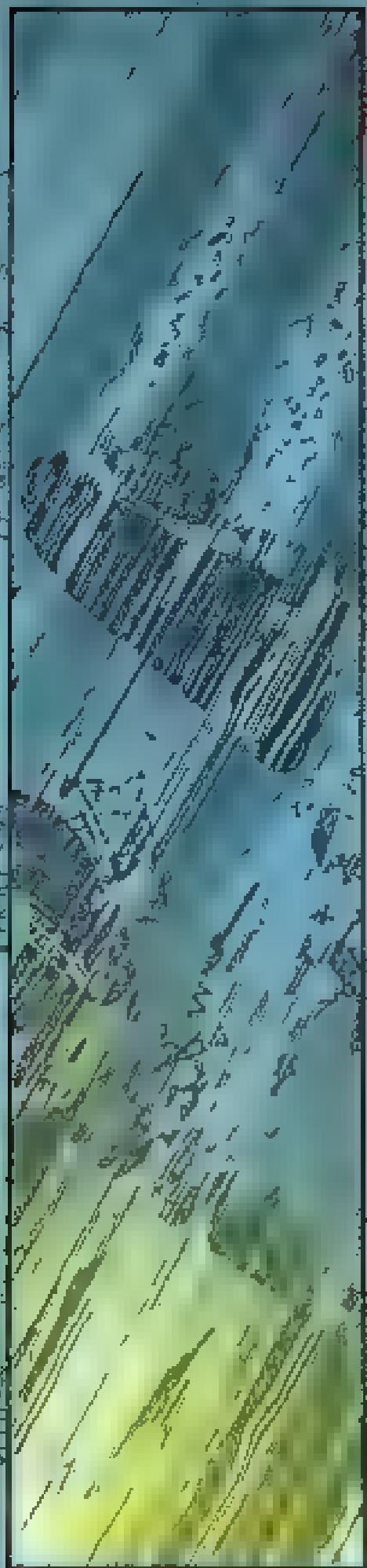
I DON'T WANT
ANYMORE PEOPLE
TO BE JAEGERS
ENOUGH IS
ENOUGH

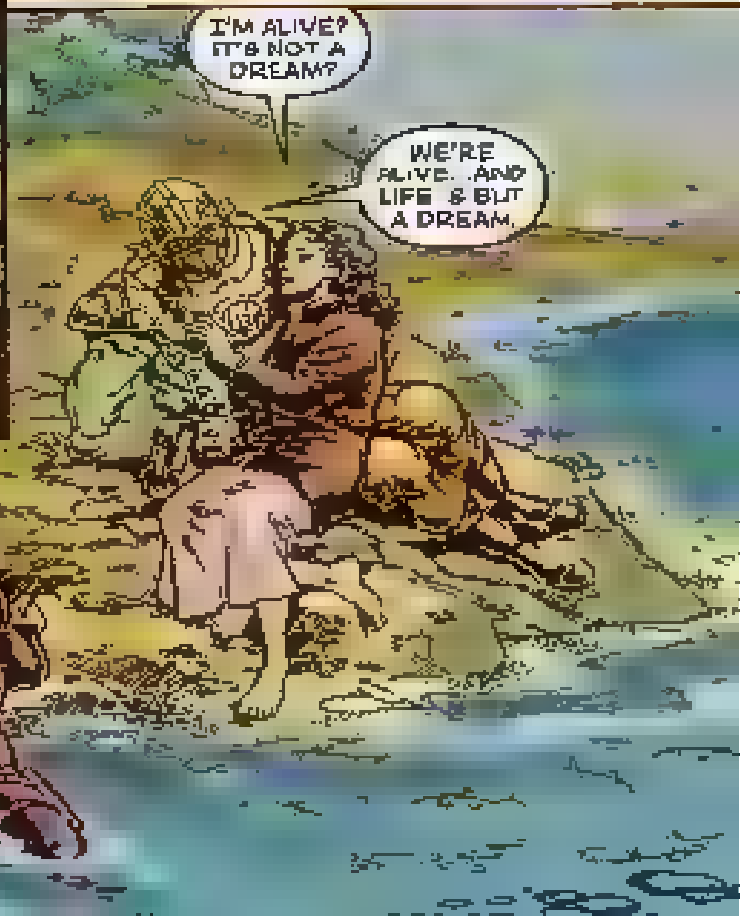
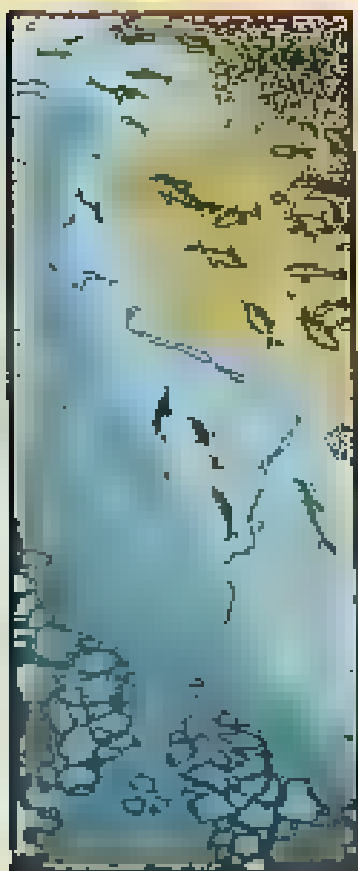
YOU DON'T
WANT? WHAT YOU
DON'T UNDERSTAND IS
THAT THIS IS SIMPLY
HOW THE IMPERIALIST
MACHINE? YOUR LAND
OF THE FREE IS SO
INNOCENT?

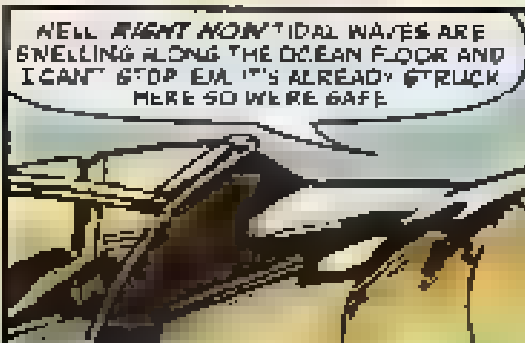












"I'LL GO BACK, GET THE VRIL STONE AND HOPE TOO MANY PEOPLE AREN'T KILLED FROM THE WAVES."

"YOU CAN'T GIVE THE STONE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT. CAPTAIN, THE VRIL IS TOO POWERFUL FOR ONE NATION TO POSSESS."

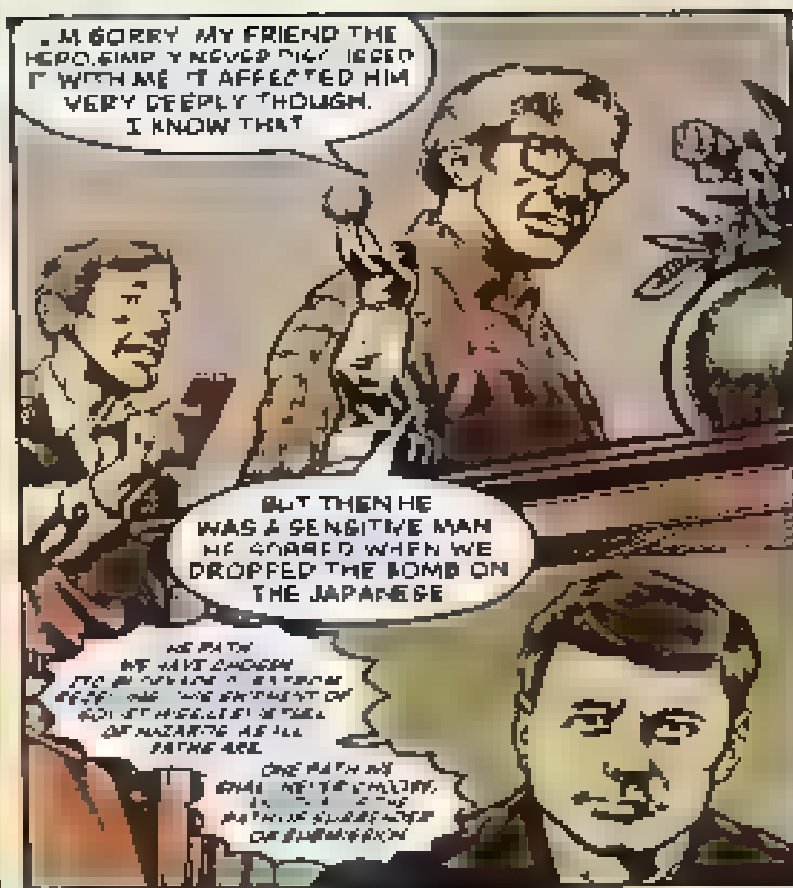
"YOU'D GIVE IT TO YOURS, I'LL GIVE IT TO MINE. I KNOW THEY'LL USE IT RESPONSIBLY."

"WE WILL ACQUIRE THE VRIL CAPTAIN. SOMEDAY SOMEDAY THE BALANCE OF POWER WILL ALWAYS BE MAINTAINED."





WELL, MR. LEY
IF YOU REALLY
DON'T HAVE ANYTHING
TO SAY ABOUT THE
NAZI SEARCH FOR
THE VRIL



I'M SORRY MY FRIEND THE
HERO SIMPLY NEVER DID "DEED"
WITH ME IT AFFECTED HIM
VERY DEEPLY THOUGH.
I KNOW THAT

BUT THEN HE
WAS A SENSITIVE MAN
HE GRIEVED WHEN WE
DROPPED THE BOMB ON
THE JAPANESE

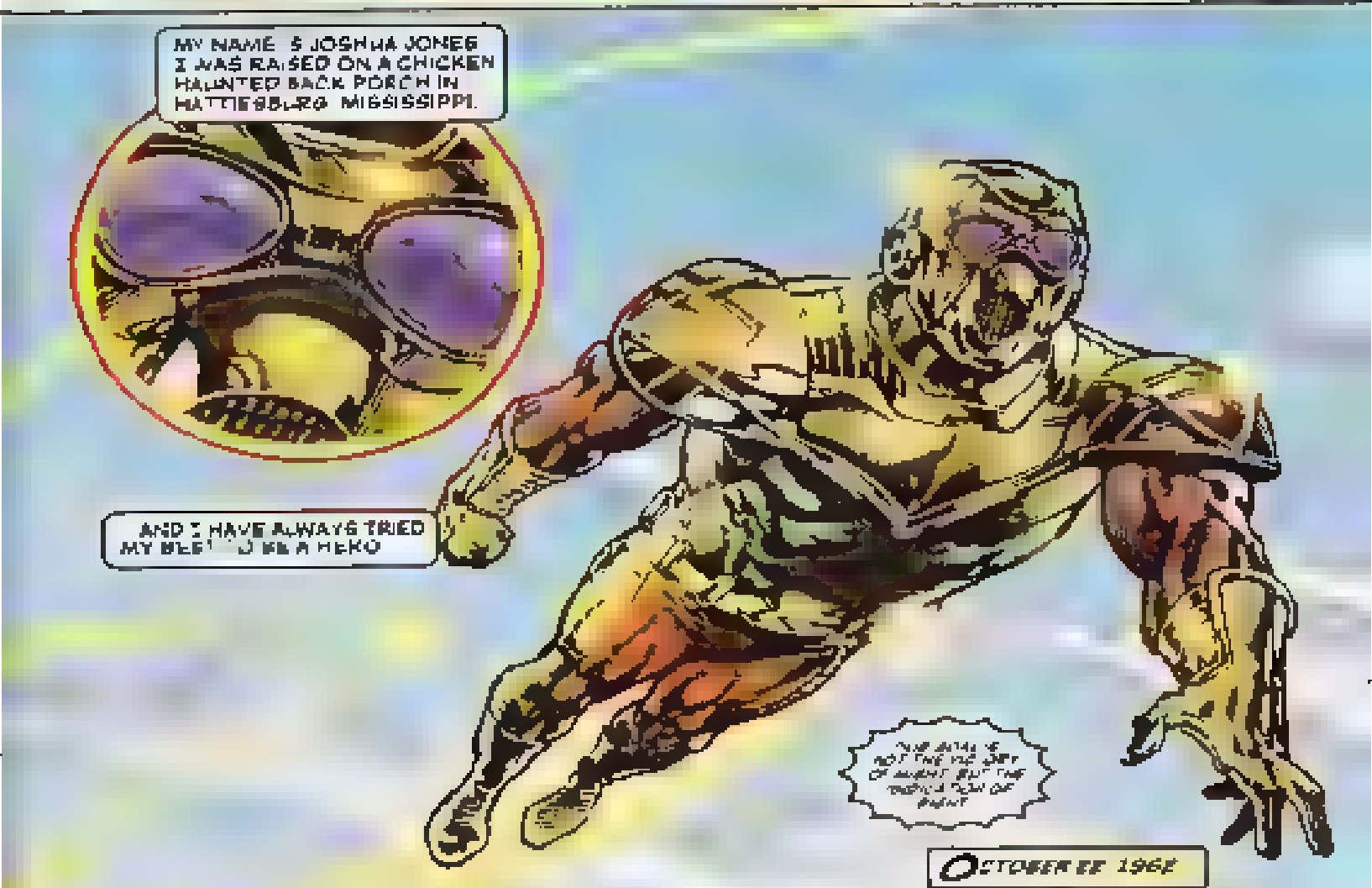
HE SAID
WE HAVE CHOSEN
TO BRING A STRONG
FEELING THE SENTIMENT OF
NOT BEING A STALL
OF NAZIS AS ALL
FATHERS ARE

ONE PATH WE
SHALL NEVER FOLLOW.
IT IS THE
PATH OF SUBMISSION
OR SUBMISSION



MR. LEY
COULD WE TURN
THE TV OFF? ALL OF
THIS STUFF MAKES
ME SORTA
NERVOUS

I'M SORRY
YOUNG MAN
THIS IS IMPORTANT
THINGS CAN CHANGE
IN THE BLINK OF EYE
STILL THOUGH IF
DOOMSDAY EVER
COMES I HOPE IT'S
ON A FINE DAY
LIKE TODAY



MY NAME IS JOSHUA JONES
I WAS RAISED ON A CHICKEN
HAUNTED BACK PORCH IN
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI.

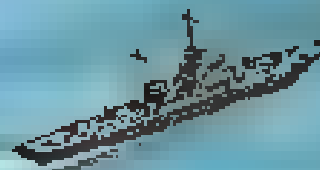
AND I HAVE ALWAYS TRIED
MY BEST TO BE A HERO

THIS SUIT IS
NOT THE VIC OF
COURAGE BUT THE
TRICKERY OF
WIT

OCTOBER 22 1962

OFF THE COAST OF CUBA

NOT PEACE
AT THE EXPENSE
OF FREEDOM, BUT BOTH
PEACE AND FREEDOM
HERE IN THE HEMISPHERE,
AND WE HOPE, AROUND
THE WORLD.



GOD WILLING,
THAT SOUL WILL
BE ACHIEVED

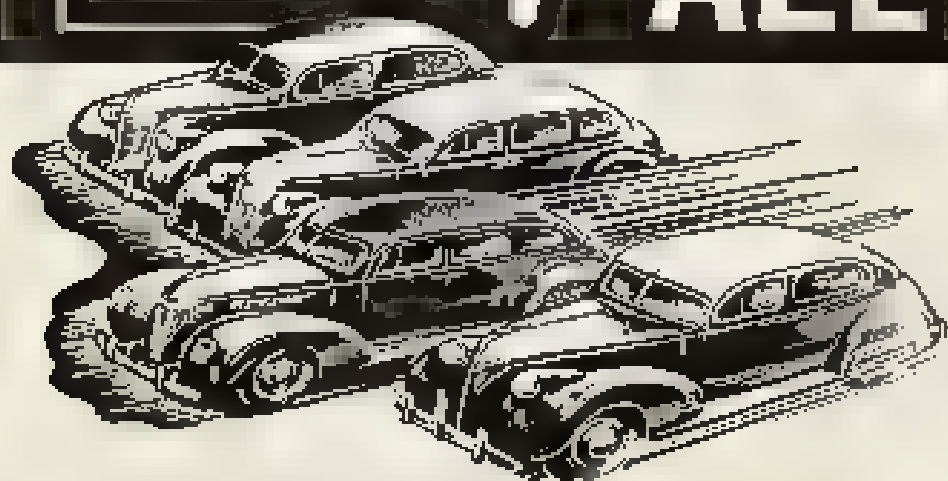


THANK YOU AND
GOOD NIGHT

LEARN TO

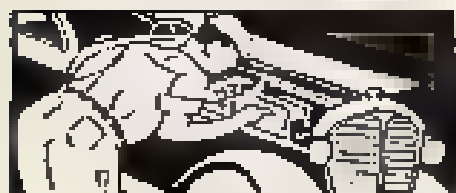
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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

with Chase Dubois



Welcome Home Chase!

(above) Chase Dubois' amazing homecoming

Hollywood Golden Girl Comes out of Hiding!

For the past few weeks all of America has been obsessed with the fate of favorite starlet Chase Dubois, the stunning country girl who won the hearts of millions in her many movie roles. Rumors abounded that she had been kidnapped in Egypt, married a chicken farmer from Ft. Nowhere, Texas, joined a harem, and wed German dictator Adolf Hitler. With all the tales flying around, not even Chase's publicist could spin the news in a favorable light. It seemed that the curtain was about to close on the shining career of the dark-haired ingénue, and this writer must admit that she was about to write the obituary.

But in true B-Movie fashion, Chase Dubois arrived in Hollywood yesterday in the arms of real-life super hero Captain Gravity, the namesake of her most popular films. Though her hair and clothes were matted and her perfect feet were shoeless, her blue eyes sparkled as she faced the myriad reporters and photographers and gushed, "Boy, is it ever good to be home."

Still secretive, Chase refused to issue detailed comments, and true to form the Captain said nothing. But in a surprising turn of events, Dubois agreed to meet with none

other than your favorite Hollywood columnist for an exclusive interview to set the record straight.

HW: So, how does it feel to be back?

CD: You have no idea. I took the world's longest bath last night.

HW: You were able to? I would think that your phone must've been ringing off the hook.

CD: Well, I thought of that, too. I called my parents and then unplugged the phone. Perfect silence all night long. It was beautiful.

HW: Your publicist must be furious.

CD: Oh. A'll get over it. He'll get a lot of work out of this story.

HW: I'm sure. . . But Chase, can I talk turkey with you?

CD: Only if I can talk squirrel.

HW: Oh. uh. . .

CD: Of course. Ask me anything.

HW: Everyone is dying to know. We all saw footage of you flying to Egypt. What happened?

CD: Well, as I'm sure everyone knows, I left on vacation with Jan Gutther, my then boyfriend. Everything was fine until a group of Nazis kidnapped us and took us to Libya.

HW: But why?

CD: Jan was a prestigious archaeologist. The best in his field and very wealthy. They needed his expertise on certain relics.

HW: What kind of relics?

CD: I don't really know for sure. I was never given that information.

HW: So what was it like being a Nazi hostage?

CD: Not very good. I was never treated badly, but these people, my kidnappers were devoted to a single-minded mission. They would do anything to fulfill it.

HW: And what about Jan?

CD: Jan was . . . Jan was a good man caught up in a tough political situation.

HW: Was it terribly romantic? Did he protect you?

CD: He tried, but the situation was difficult.

HW: What about Jan? Where is he now?

CD: . . .

HW: Miss Dubois?

CD: Jan was the victim of the Nazi's plan.

HW: What do you mean?

CD: He was murdered.

HW: Oh, I'm so sorry.

CD: Me, too.

HW: Well, . . . what about Hitler? You know, photographs surfaced here placing you in Berlin.

CD: After Libya, we went to Berlin. Hitler and his staff wanted to speak to Jan in person.

HW: Did you get to meet the dictator? What is he like?

CD: Very cowardly. He owes his power to other, more powerful, people.

HW: Like who?

CD: I really don't have the liberty to say. But I will say this. While I was a prisoner in the dictator's palace, I was never abused. But I was constantly on the look-out for a way to escape. That's when the photos were taken of me. I was trying to escape.

HW: That's where Captain Gravity comes in?

CD: Yes . . . the Captain was trying to rescue me from the beginning. He knew even before I did that there would be trouble. He followed me around the globe to look after my best interests. He is the truest hero.

HW: Sounds like you have a lot of admiration for Captain Gravity. Is it possible that your feelings could go . . . beyond admiration?

CD: Captain Gravity is one of my best friends and favorite people. He is also a hero. Our relationship would never be marred by something superficial or overly emotional.

HW: C'mon, Chase. Give me the real scoop. How did Captain Gravity rescue you? You were on a German U-Boat weren't you? You can't tell me there wasn't some romance involved?

At this point in the session, the interview was cut exactly short by the intrusion of a dark haired man who refused to give me his name, but felt compelled to alienate me. "Miss Dubois, has answered your questions to the best of her ability," he said. "The rest is strictly classified by the US government."

Of course, this old hack tried to milk the situation, but the man guided Miss Dubois out of the room with a frown. No matter what I asked, he refused to answer. But Chase—beautiful, kind Chase, always a press favorite—did turn to me on her way out of the room.

"Captain Gravity," she said, "is the most wonderful man I have ever met. I would only be so lucky if the admiration I felt for him was mutual. As it is, there is a war going on, and he has much more pressing matters to attend to."

Well, Chase, it is the sincere opinion of this writer that the Captain's feelings for you are more than mutual. I guess only time will only tell. So Dear Reader, keep your eyes peeled. Hollywood has its favorite star and hero back in the same town, and you know what that means? We know sparks will fly. Who needs the movies?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CALLED

"BWANA?"

**DID YOU LOVE GOING TO THE ZOO
WHEN YOU WERE A KID?**

**DO YOU STILL DREAM OF STALKING
LIONS AND TIGERS?**

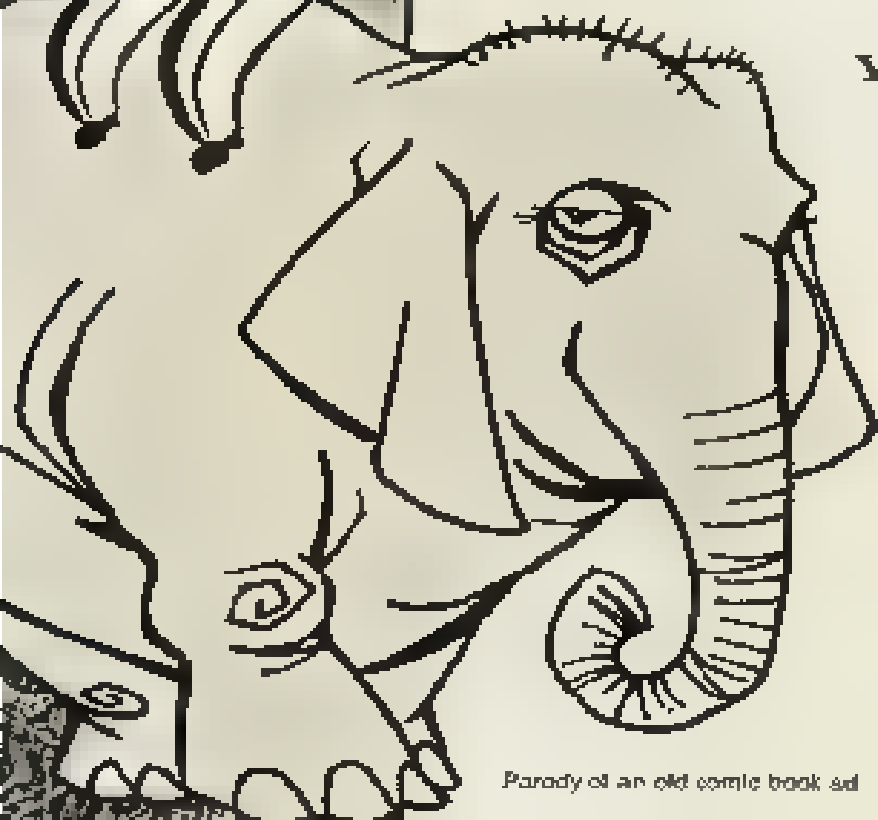
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OH! SEE YOUR
POINT AND
COULDN'T AGREE
MORE!



HMMMP!

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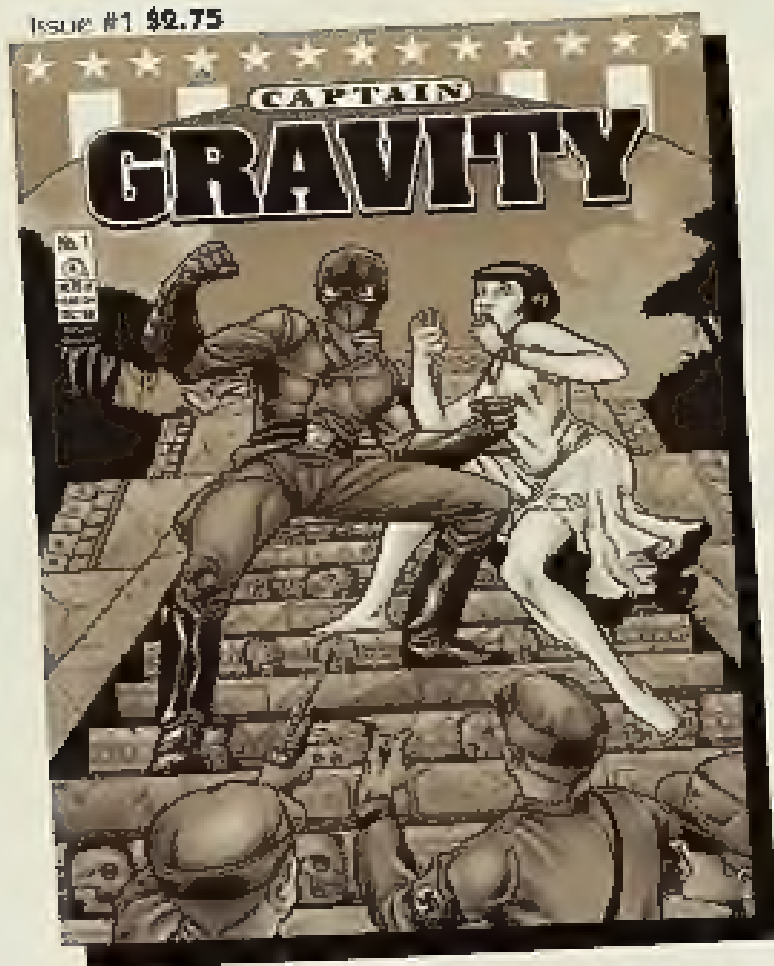


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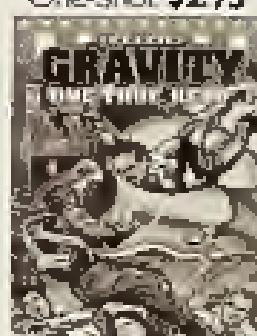
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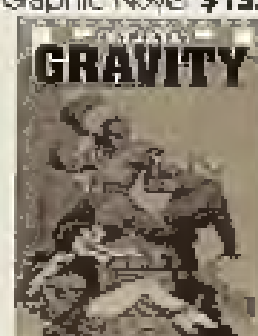
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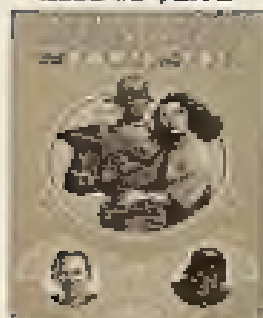
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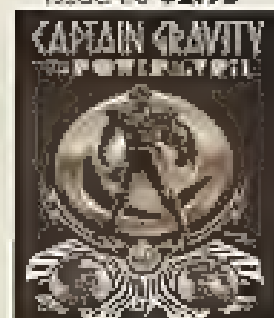
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